

RESOLUTION

Whereas:

- * 33% of Newark's residents are now living below the poverty level
- * Even with rent control, rents in Newark rose 106% from 1970 to 1980
- * More than 10,000 tenants contacted the Rent Control Board last year seeking help because their rents were too high to pay.

Be it resolved that:

We are opposed to any measures that will make rents in Newark rise even higher than they are. We will oppose:

- 1) **vacancy decontrol** (which allows a landlord to raise the rent as high as he wants - no limit - when a new tenant moves in)
- 2) raising the automatic yearly rent increase (which already is 6%)
- 3) exempting any more buildings from rent control because people living there would then have no protection against rising rents

Rent control began in 1973 in Newark to help keep rents affordable for people during a time of housing shortages and economic hardships - the increasing demands of landlords for ever higher rents. Since then, conditions have only gotten worse. Rent control should be made **stronger**, to give more protection to tenants, not less.

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